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Simsbury Farms Complex Committee
Minutes July 9, 2009

Present:

SFCC Ron Paterson, Dennis Fallon, Antonio Braz, Mark Lubetkin Tom West
Town staff: Gerry Toner. Guest Gerry Wetjen,

Minutes: The minutes from the February & March meetings were accepted.

Golf Course Enhancements: Gerry Wetjen (Pres. Simsbury Farms Men's Club) presented a summary of specific improvements to the golf course to enhance play and attract lower handicap players to Simsbury Farms. Primary emphasis was on sand bunkers (remodel/eliminate) and tee boxes (leveling). The total cost for these projects range from \$270k to \$450k. The projects would be implemented incrementally and funded from a \$1 special surcharge for each nine hole round played.

Following are pertinent comments from the Committee

- Proposed improvements would not be completed for the 2011 Ct. Sr. Tournament
- Can the proposed \$1 surcharge be kept in a separate fund?
- If the special fund results in an additional \$60k/yr – is the golf course the best place to invest these revenues?

The Committee will continue to evaluate this proposal and will invite Mike Wallace to discuss his five year plan, relative to course improvements, at the next meeting.

Maintenance Facility: All preliminary design work has been completed. The competitive bid cycle will be initiated in July.

Program/Facilities: Golf revenues through the end of June are slightly ahead of last season (\$17k), in spite of extremely wet weather conditions in June.

Summer day camp continues to benefit from “on-line” enrollment.

Rink Rental Rates will be discussed at the next meeting.

Pool survey: A summary of action taken to address facility concerns i.e. shade additional seating and toilet/locker room cleanliness was presented.

Further discussion noted:

- Used band aids in the pool area continue to be a problem
- Guards should limit the use of the “whistle” to major pool safety issues.
- Consider opening the pool at 10am vs. 12 noon.
- Solar heating of the pool was studied and found not cost effective based on today’s technology.
- Memorial Pool requires resources to operate – should it remain open?

Other Business: At the next meeting the following will be included on the agenda: Six year capital plan, operational costs at the main bldg. (pool, ice, etc.), FY 2008 results, Town of Simsbury home page/ease of access to recreation.

Tom West